GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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COMBAT VEHICLE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Light Combat Vehicle being undertaken by the Combat Vehicle Research and Development Establishment of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is getting unduly delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DRDO has taken any steps for early production of the same and to reduce its losses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE), an establishment of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has not undertaken any project for production of Light Combat Vehicle. However, CVRDE has developed Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun, which has gone into production by the production agency. 118 Tanks have already been produced and handed over to Army by the production agency.